



MDAS # 0042

BASIN POND

T2R4, SOMERSET CO., MAINE

80 ACRES



TENTHS OF MILE

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Pierce Pond Twp., Somerset County
U.S.G.S. Little Bigelow Mtn., Maine (7½')

Fishes

Brook trout
Minnows
Lake chub
Redbelly dace

Finescale dace
Blacknose dace
Creek chub
White sucker

Physical Characteristics

Area - 80 acres

Maximum depth - 33 feet

Principal fishery: Brook trout

Temperatures:

Surface - 78°F

32 feet - 46°F

Basin Pond is located between Flagstaff Lake and the Pierce Pond area. Its main inlet enters from the northeast and its outlet flows west into nearby Black Brook Pond. The pond's shoreline is undeveloped.

Water quality in Basin Pond is marginal for coldwater gamefish. Surface water temperatures reach critically high levels and dissolved oxygen diminishes below 20 feet. Spawning habitat is present in the pond's inlet and is utilized by brook trout. These native fish are supplemented with annual stockings to provide a fishery. Brook trout are slow growing as a result of heavy competition for food and space from suckers and the many minnow species in the pond.

Basin Pond is accessible via a series of logging roads east of the Long Falls Dam Road. The pond is open to fishing with no live fish as bait in the summer months and closed to fishing in the winter.

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Resurveyed - 1976, 1991

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